

Weekly Status & Information Report: July 2 - 6, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of July 9, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Recreation Committee meeting, Monday, July 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, July 12, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Ward 1 Night - Monday!: Join the City Council and your neighbors in Ward 1 for a reception in the Atrium Lobby on Monday, July 9, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Following the reception, the first part of the City Council meeting will be dedicated to hearing from residents of Ward 1. Contact Jessie Carpenter at 301-891-7267 or JessieC@takomagov.org for additional information. (City Clerk)

3. Ward 5 Candidates Forum on Thursday: The Takoma Voice and the Takoma Park Board of Elections will host a candidates forum on Thursday, July 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Wilkinson Hall, Washington Adventist University, 7600 Flower Avenue. The forum will be moderated by Eric Bond, Editor of the Takoma Voice. All three candidates have agreed to participate. Meet and greet from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. The forum will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m. For additional information about the forum or the election, contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or JessieC@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

4. Sidewalk Work To Start In SS Carroll Neighborhood: The City's contractor has begun sidewalk repairs along Lee Avenue. This work is part of the City's effort to bring existing sidewalks into compliance with Federal and State accessibility requirements. The work has begun on Lee Avenue and will continue to the following streets - Grant Avenue, Sherman Avenue, Sheridan Avenue, Hancock Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, (between Maple Avenue and Carroll Avenue), over the month of July. (Public Works)

5. Mission Serve in Takoma Park: Over 250 Mission Serve teenagers and adults from across the country volunteered in our community this past week, working in 100 degree weather, with limited access to power and unexpected wind damage. Despite these challenges, they cheerfully and wholeheartedly undertook to repair the homes of twenty-five Takoma Park residents, replacing roofs, removing years of overgrowth, installing access ramps, repairing deteriorating walls and walkways, painting, demolishing damaged structures, clearing fallen trees, and filling dumpsters to overflowing with trash and debris. We look forward to the opportunity to work with them again in the future! (Housing and Community Development)

6. Y.E.S. League – Begins Next Week!: This season is sure to be full of great competition and fun. Basketball Games begin next week (July 9 – 12, 2012): Monday: Middle School workout; Tuesday: Middle School Games; Wednesday: High School Games; Thursday: Young Adult Games. For more information please call the Recreation Department at (301) 891-7290. (Recreation)

7. Facade Advisory Board Meeting Postponed: The City's Facade Advisory Board will not meet on Tuesday, July 10 as scheduled. There are no proposals for commercial construction or renovation in the Historic District. The Board's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 10. (Housing and Community Development)

8. Film Screening on Thursday! Join us for a screening of "Dancing in the Rays of the Antarctic Sun" with filmmakers Joy West and Laura Ward Holliday on Thursday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. Free admission. (Housing and Community Development)

9. Spanish Circle Canceled: Reminder that Spanish Circle Time is CANCELLED for July 12. (Library)

10. ULiners and Magpie in Concert: Celebrate Woody Guthrie's 100th with the ULiners and Magpie on Saturday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. \$15 Door. For advance ticket information, go to www.imtfolks.org (Housing and Community Development)

11. Frances the Badger: Join us on Monday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. for a special "Bedtime for Frances" program, devoted to the Russell Hoban picture books starring Frances the Badger. Registration encouraged. (Library)

12. Trashy Art" Contest: Celebrate "Recycle Your Art Out" Day by participating in Takoma Park's "Trashy Art" contest! Anyone and everyone is eligible – encouraged, in fact - to submit an original 2 or 3 dimensional work of "trashy art" made of 100% trash or re-purposed materials. To participate, drop off your "trashy art" at the Gazebo in Old Takoma between 10 a.m. and noon on Sunday, July 29. A panel of distinguished judges will announce awards - and give out some fantastic prizes - at 12:30 p.m. Now is the time to go through your recycling bin and start creating. This is your opportunity to make a unique artistic and environmentally sustainable statement! (Housing and Community Development)

13. Call for Poets: The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series, hosted by Martin FitzPatrick, begins its seventh season this fall. As in the past, the series will feature some of the finest poets in Takoma Park and in the region. To be considered as a featured poet in the upcoming series, please submit 3 to 5 of your poems and a short bio of yourself to the Arts and Humanities Commission at SaraD@takomagov.org. The deadline for submissions is Monday, August 6, 2012. (Housing and Community Development)

14. New Information Materials: Staff has developed a new information card entitled, "Who Do You Call...." The card, available at various locations in the City building, has phone numbers to report a range of problems from non-functioning traffic lights to

graffiti or abandoned vehicles. (Housing and Community Development)

15. New Maps on Kiosk Signs: New wayfinding maps were installed last week on the City's six information kiosks in Old Takoma (two) and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads (four). The maps were updated to show the current businesses in their respective areas, and include additional features like bicycle facilities and signed crosswalks. (Housing and Community Development)

16. Seniors Visit Ford's Theater: Eighteen seniors traveled by Recreation Bus to Ford's Theater in Washington, DC on Friday, June 29, 2012. Seniors began their day with a tour of the new museum dedicated to President Abraham Lincoln (the museum offers a remarkable collection of historic artifacts and exhibits); followed by a National Park Service Ranger's riveting interpretive program about Ford's Theater and President Lincoln, presented in the theater. Afterwards, the seniors visited the historic Petersen House to learn about Lincoln's final hours on that fateful night; and completed their day with a visit to the new Center for Education and Leadership. (Recreation)

17. Teens Market Program While Participating in Parade: On Wednesday July 4th a group of young people marched in the City of Takoma Park's Annual 4th of July Parade representing the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Youth and teens rode in a train conducted by Kyle, courtesy of Backyard Inflatables. The group of young people passed out flyers and greeted residents and on lookers throughout the parade while advertising upcoming recreational activities for the summer. (Recreation)

18. Community Garden Continues to Grow: On Thursday, July 5, Takoma Park Recreation Center took its next steps in the implementation of the Community Garden. Corn and string beans were planted in the garden to go along with the tomatoes, bananas and peppers that were previously planted. Excitement is in the air as community youth participate in this project and establish ownership of their Community Garden. Contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 for more information. (Recreation)

19. New Opportunity for Seniors: Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program, Takoma Park Recreation Department, met with volunteers Ms. Marge Tolchin and Ms. Sharon Levy of Takoma Park on Thursday, July 5, to discuss plans for a future ESOL (English As A Second Language) class for Takoma Park seniors. These wonderful volunteers are ready to give their time and expertise to provide a much needed and requested service for Takoma Park seniors. More information to follow soon. (Recreation)

20. Adventures in the Wild Wild West: Howdy! What a great week Camp Takoma's had on their adventure to the "Wild Wild West." The kids enjoyed a variety of activities such as how to lasso and milk a pretend cow. After learning several western dancing moves, participants performed the dances for their parents and friends. The children made their own cowboy costumes consisting of cowboy hats, boots and a vest. They had "snakes in their boots," a craft they painted, along with wallet stitching and a boot picture frame. Yeeehawwwww! Our little dogies of Camp Takoma even got their picture taken to put in their picture frames so they can remember how they were once cowboys/girls. (Recreation)

21. Open for Comfort: The Computer Center expanded its hours this week to accommodate the many residents who had lost their power or had no Internet connection. The Computer Center was open 6 hours on the July 4th holiday as well as an additional 4 hours on July 5 and 6. Regular patrons were thankful for a cool and quiet place to read and 'recharge', and we saw many new faces as well! (Library)

22. Officers in Meetings: On July 3, Chief Ricucci and various members of the police department and City staff attended the promotional ceremony for Lt. Frishkorn, Sgt. Gaskin and Cpl. Cannatella. (Police)

23. Officers in Training: On July 5, various officers in the department attended Montgomery County Police Department's 2012 in-service training day 1 at the Public Safety Training Academy in Rockville, Maryland. (Police)

24. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye): On July 2, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye held her Junior Police Academy summer camp. (Police)

25. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 111 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, three vehicle impounds, three Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests, and one arrest from traffic.

During July 3-4, 2012, the following details were completed:

July 3, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

July 4, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Larch Avenue (traffic control device) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

- New Hampshire Avenue & Sligo Creek Parkway (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and two warnings. (Police)